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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-172-07

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**An Application by British Columbia Transmission Corporation
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Interior to Lower Mainland Transmission Project**

BEFORE:

R.H. Hobbs, Chair
N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner
A.J. Pullman, Commissioner

December 21, 2007

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 5, 2007 British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Sections 45 and 46 of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act"), an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Interior to Lower Mainland Transmission Project ("ILM Project") to reinforce the electric transmission system (the "Application"); and
- B. The ILM Project consists of a new 500 kV Alternating Current transmission line between Nicola substation near Merritt and Meridian substation in Coquitlam, and a new 500 kV series capacitor station which would be located approximately at the midpoint of the new circuit; and
- C. BCTC estimates that the ILM Project will cost approximately \$602 million, excluding Aboriginal accommodation costs; and
- D. BCTC states that the Application has been distributed to individuals and organizations on the basis of the consultation process and past participation in BCTC proceedings before the Commission, and that printed copies of the Application have been provided to Municipalities, Regional Districts, Aboriginal groups and public libraries in proximity to the proposed Project; and
- E. A Procedural Conference was held on December 20, 2007 to consider certain procedural matters and to establish a Regulatory Timetable; and
- F. The Commission has determined that an Oral Public Hearing is required for the regulatory review of the Application; and
- G. The Commission has determined that Community Input Sessions should be held to provide an opportunity for the public to make presentations to the Commission Panel.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. An Oral Public Hearing to review the Application will be commence at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2008 in the Commission Hearing Room on the Twelfth Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. The Regulatory Agenda for the hearing is set out in Appendix A to this Order.
2. Community Input Sessions will be held in Merritt, Harrison and Coquitlam at the following times and locations:

Friday, March 14, 2008 Commencing at 1:00 p.m.	Merritt Best Western Nicola Inn 4025 Walter Street, Merritt, BC V1K 1K1 Telephone: 250-378-4253
Saturday, March 15, 2008 Commencing at 10:00 a.m.	Harrison Hot Springs Executive Hotel 190 Lillooet Avenue Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0 Telephone: 604-796-5555
Saturday, March 29, 2008 Commencing at 1:00 p.m.	Coquitlam Best Western Coquitlam Inn 319 North Road Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V8 Telephone: 604-931-9011

3. Parties wishing to make a presentation to the Commission Panel should contact Mr. Gordon Fulton, Commission Counsel, at gfulton@boughton.ca or 604-647-4104 on or before Monday, March 3, 2008. If there are four or less presentations scheduled by Monday, March 3, 2008 for any one of the locations, then that Community Input Session will be cancelled.
4. BCTC will publish, in a timely manner, in display-ad format, the Notice of the Community Input Session attached as Appendices B, C and D as appropriate for each location, in such local news publications as may properly provide adequate notice to the public in the vicinity of each of the locations of the Community Input Session.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of December 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs
Chair

Attachments

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AMENDED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

ACTION	DATE (2007)
Registration of Intervenor and Interested Parties	Thursday, December 13
Intervenor Information Requests No. 1	Thursday, December 13
Procedural Conference No. 1	Thursday, December 20
	DATE (2008)
BCTC Responses to Commission Information Request No. 1	Thursday, January 10
BCTC Responses to Intervenor Information Requests No. 1	Monday, January 28
Filing of Participant Assistance/Cost Award Budgets	Thursday, January 31
Commission and Intervenor Information Requests No. 2	Friday, February 8
BCTC Responses to Information Requests No. 2	Thursday, March 6
Intervenor Evidence	Friday, March 14
Community Input Session – Merritt	Friday, March 14
Community Input Session - Harrison	Saturday, March 15
Information Requests to Intervenor	Thursday, March 20
Community Input Session – Coquitlam	Saturday, March 29
Procedural Conference No. 2	Tuesday, March 25
Intervenor Responses to Information Requests	Monday, March 31
Oral Public Hearing	Monday, April 14



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

DATE:	Friday, March 14, 2008
TIME:	1:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Merritt Best Western Nicola Inn 4025 Walter Street Merritt, BC V1K 1K1 Telephone: 250-378-4253

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PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

The Application and supporting documents will also be available for view on BCTC's website at <http://www.bctc.com> and on the Commission's website at <http://www.bcuc.com>, and at public libraries in communities in the vicinity of the ILM Project.

For further information or to register, please contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary, as follows:

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

DATE:	Saturday, March 15, 2008
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Harrison Hot Springs Executive Hotel 190 Lillooet Avenue Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0 Telephone: 604-796-5555

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DATE:	Saturday, March 29, 2008
TIME:	1:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Coquitlam Best Western Coquitlam Inn 319 North Road Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V8 Telephone: 604-931-9011

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